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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CHROME

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1. EMBASSY PROVIDED NORTH AMERICAN ECONOMIC OFFICER IN MFA WITH TEXTS OF REFTELS A AND B. HIS INITIAL REACTION WAS POSITIVE. APPARENTLY HE HAD NOT YET BEEN ADVISED OF THESE TREASURY DEPARTMENT RELEASES BY HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. OFFICIAL STATED THAT GOS STILL HAS ONGOING INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS ON WHAT PRECISELY TO DO ABOUT NEGOTIATING A PROCEDURES AGREEMENT WITH THE US. THESE DISCUSSIONS CENTERING ON THE "CERTIFICATION AND IMPORT PROCEDURES" DRAFT PROVIDED THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (EMBASSY STOCKHOLM HAS NOT YET RECEIVED). OFFICIAL THOUGHT IN TWO WEEKS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO OPEN TALKS IN WASHINGTON; POSSIBLY ONE OR MORE EXPERTS WOULD BE SENT FROM HERE.

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3. AMONG PROBLEMS FACING GOS ARE SWEDISH CHROME PURCHASES FROM USSR AND ALBANIA. OFFICIAL DOUBTFUL THEY WILL ISSUE ANY KIND OF ACCEPTABLE CERTIFICATION THEIR CHROME-BEARING SHIPMENTS.

4. ANOTHER POINT WHICH HE MADE WAS THAT SOME CHROME

ORE BODIES IN RHODESIA MIGHT BE UNDER FRONTIERS SO THAT IDENTICAL ORE SHIPMENTS COULD HAVE TWO NATIONAL ORIGINS. (EMBASSY UNABLE COMMENT ON CORRECTNESS OF THIS OBSERVATION).

5. LOCAL BUSINESS WEEKLY AFFARSWARLDEN REPORTED ON MAY 4 THAT THE USSR HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH RHODESIA TO BUY CHROMIUM ORE AND FERROCHROME WHICH THE US WOULD NOT BUY DUE TO OBSERVING THE BLOCKADE.

6. RE REFTTEL C (NOTAL) EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO ENFORCE RHODESIAN SANCTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED

FOLLOWIINGG THE CONCLUSION OF A SWEDISH-US AGREEMENT ON IMPORTS OF CHROMIUM BEARING PRODUCTS. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE AND THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS IN REFTTEL C.
PERRY

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